

# **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

**December 11, 2002**

The State Board of Education (Board) held its December meeting at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, December 11, 2002, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair; Mr. Greg Killian, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mrs. Brenda Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Bryan Keelin; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James Mattos; Mr. James C. McRae; Mrs. Gail Moss; Dr. Harriett Rucker; and Mr. Chris Verenes. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education.

## **OPENING**

The Board opened the meeting with the fourth grade chorus from Herbert Wood Elementary School, Lexington County School District Two, singing holiday songs and leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2002**

Mr. Verenes moved for the approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and approved by the Board.

## **APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

Mr. Dickert moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire and approved by the Board.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair White welcomed the visitors present.

## **SELECTION OF THE CENTRAL TEXTBOOK DEPOSITORY**

Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education approve the selection of R. L. Bryan and Company as the Central Textbook Depository. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickert and approved by the Board.

## **STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

### **RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL RURAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Superintendent Tenenbaum introduced Shelley White, a second grade teacher at Easterling Primary School, Marion School District One. Shelley was chosen as the National Rural Teacher of the Year and she is the first South Carolinian and the youngest teacher to receive this award. Accompanying Shelley were Dr. Cheryl Allread, Superintendent, Marion One; Zandra Cook, Principal, Easterling Primary School; Dr. Al Eads, President, National Rural Education Association; Ms. Cindy McIntee, President, South Carolina Association for Rural Education; Samuel Myers, Executive Director, South Carolina Association for Rural Education; and Kathy Gibson Carter, Robin Chisolm, and Winifred Thompson, Board members, South Carolina Association for Rural Education.

Superintendent Tenenbaum presented Shelley with a beautiful engraved trophy for her accomplishment.

### **RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

Superintendent Tenenbaum introduced Peggy Makins, Teacher Specialist, Annie Burnside Elementary School, Richland District One, and Jonna Adcox, kindergarten teacher, Kelly Edwards Elementary School, Barnwell District 29. Ms. Makins and Ms. Adcox are the 2002-03 Milken award recipients from South Carolina.

Ms. Makins was accompanied by Dr. Felicia Butler, Principal, Annie Burnside Elementary School, Richland District One; Dr. Evelyn Cohens, Principal, Watkins-Nance Elementary School; Mary Bostick and Linda Coulter, consultants for Richland District One; Betty Garrison, State Department of Education; and Board member, Dr. Mary Jones.

Ms. Adcox was accompanied by her husband; Edward Mozingo, Superintendent, Barnwell District 29; Dr. Eavon Hickson, Principal, Kelly Edwards Elementary School, Barnwell District 29; and Board member, Chris Verenes.

Superintendent Tenenbaum presented a beautiful engraved trophy to each recipient for her accomplishments.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were sixteen public speakers for this meeting as follows:

1. Representative Ronny Townsend—Representative Townsend spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
2. Representative Dwight Loftis—Representative Loftis spoke in favor of a uniform start date.
3. Representative Glenn Hamilton—Representative Hamilton spoke in favor of the uniform start date window.

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4. Dr. Elizabeth Gressette, Palmetto State Teachers Association—Dr. Gressette spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
5. Dr. William Harner, Superintendent, Greenville County Schools—Dr. Harner spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.
6. Kathy Pender, South Carolina School Boards Association—Ms. Pender spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
7. Dr. Richard Miller, The South Carolina Education Association— spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
8. Mrs. Julia Jackson, Parent, York County—Mrs. Jackson spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.
9. Robert Scarborough, South Carolina Association of School Administrators—Mr. Scarborough spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
10. Ashby Ward, Uniform Start Date Task Force member—Mr. Ward spoke in favor of a uniform start date.
11. Mike Fanning, Winthrop Olde English Consortium—Mr. Fanning spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
12. Gary Loftis, Horry County Schools Business Cabinet—Mr. Loftis spoke in favor of a uniform start date.
13. Mike Montgomery, Richland District Two Board member—Mr. Montgomery spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
14. Mary Eaddy, City of Myrtle Beach—Ms. Eaddy spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.
15. Bill Flemming, Richland District Two Board member—Mr. Flemming spoke against a uniform start date and in favor of local control.
16. Kim Murphy, Lexington/Richland District Five parent volunteer—Ms. Murphy spoke on behalf of a uniform start date.

**SECOND READING ON THE MOTION TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM START DATE WINDOW**

Mr. Killian moved that the State Board of Education establish a uniform window of dates for beginning the annual school term. Further, effective the 2003 2004 school term, the last Monday before Labor Day shall be the first day that the annual school term may begin and the Wednesday after Labor Day shall be the last day that the annual school term may begin. Mr. Killian further moved that schools that start no later than the third Monday after the fourth of July, (with Mondays falling on the fourth being considered the first of the three Mondays) shall be considered Year Round Schools and shall be exempt from the uniform start date window (Second Reading). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire.

Mr. Dickert moved to amend the motion by changing the first day to begin no earlier than August 15 in order to widen the window and allow for more local control. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae. After discussion, the motion failed by a vote of seven in favor to ten opposed.

Ms. Belin moved to amend the motion to add the wording “to include terms for charter schools” after “annual school term will begin.” She stated that the reason for the proposed amendment was to avoid any ambiguity. The motion was seconded by Mr. Verenes. Other members of the Board stated they opposed the amendment on the grounds that charter schools

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are, by definition in South Carolina, public schools, that there is no ambiguity and that charter schools would be covered by any rule on start dates without the amendment. After discussion, the motion failed.

Dr. Jones moved to amend the motion to change the effective school term to 2004-05. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mattos and approved by the Board.

Mr. Verenes moved to substitute a motion to propose a regulation for a uniform start date with the current motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickert. After discussion, the motion failed with a vote of eight in favor to nine opposed.

The amended motion was approved by the Board with a vote of nine (Mr. Killian, Mr. Mattos, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Cervantes, Mrs. Maguire, Mr. Keelin, Mr. Lee, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Rucker) in favor to eight (Mr. White, Ms. Belin, Dr. Crook, Mr. Dickert, Mr. McRae, Mr. Verenes, Mr. Hostetler, and Mrs. Fort) opposed.

<b>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
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<p><b>Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair</b> <b>Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee</b></p>
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<p><b>Mr. Clarence Dickert, Chair</b> <b>Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee</b></p>
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<p><b>Mr. J. Spratt White for Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair</b> <b>Finance and Legislative Committee</b></p>
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<p><b>Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair</b> <b>Educational Policy Committee</b></p>
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**56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee**—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 10, 2002**—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the December 10, 2002, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2002, TRTC Committee Meeting**—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the November 12, 2002, meeting were approved.

**03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview**—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mr. Lee reported that items 56-04, 56-05, 56-06, 56-07, 56-08, 56-09, 56-10, 56-11, 56-12, and 56-13 were placed on the consent agenda.

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Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education create a resolution notifying the South Carolina General Assembly of concerns with the Teacher Loan Cancellation Program as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Belin and approved by the Board.

**55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee**—Mr. Clarence Dickert reported that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 10, 2002**—Mr. Dickert reported that the agenda for December 10, 2002, was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2002**—Mr. Dickert reported that the minutes of the November 12, 2002, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Dickert reported that items 55-04, 55-05, and 55-06 were placed on the consent agenda.

**03. Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from the 2002 Instructional Materials Review Panels**—Mr. Dickert reported that the Instructional Materials Review Panels have evaluated instructional materials bid by publishers in accordance with policies and procedures in the Board regulations. All recommended materials have received affirmative votes from at least two-thirds of the panel members.

On behalf of the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee, Mr. Dickert moved that the State Board of Education approve the adoption of the Instructional Materials Report from the 2002 Instructional Materials Review Panels.

Mrs. Maguire moved to amend the motion by removing the books, Thomson/The Wadsworth Group, Biology (Advanced Placement); and Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, BSCS Biology: A Molecular Approach (Biology II). The motion was seconded by Mr. Keelin.

After discussion, the motion to amend failed by a vote of six in favor and nine opposed.

The original motion was then approved by the Board by a vote of ten in favor to five opposed.

**54. Finance and Legislative Committee**—Mr. J. Spratt White reported for Mr. James Mattos that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

**01. Approval of Agenda for December 10, 2002**—Mr. White reported that the agenda for the December 10, 2002, meeting was approved.

**02. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2002**—Mr. White reported that the minutes of the November 12, 2002, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. White reported that item 54-03 and an item under other business, State Board of Education Budget Cut, were placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. White reported that the following item was submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**

**52. Educational Policy Committee**—Chair White reported that the Educational Policy Committee did not meet on Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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The following items were approved by the Board without further debate upon motion by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mrs. Fort:

**56-04. The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations for new performance-based program standards (Second Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-05. Report on annual teacher education programs to be issued annually by the State Department of Education (SDE) beginning in 2003, as a part of the NCATE/State performance-based accreditation system for teacher preparation institutions (Second Reading)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-06. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendations for the teacher education programs at Anderson College, Bob Jones University, Converse College, Columbia College, and Wofford College**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-07. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) recommendations for the teacher education programs at Charleston Southern University**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-08. Recommendations for tests for Instructional Title I paraprofessionals who need to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act by January 8, 2006**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-09. Identification of Critical Need Geographic Districts for 2003–04 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-10. Designation of Medicaid and Free and Reduced Lunch List to Identify Additional Geographic Critical Need Schools not included on the Perkins Loan List for 2003–04 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Corporation Cancellation Program**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-11. Identification of Critical Need Areas for 2003–04 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-12. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2003–04 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Corporation Cancellation Program**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**56-13. Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools 2003–04**

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-04. Approval of Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2003 Adoption Cycle**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-05. Approval of Guidelines for Retraining Assistance Grants for School Faculty and Administration for 2002–03 School Year (Second Reading)**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**55-06 Request by the South Carolina Hospitality and Tourism Educational Foundation for the approval of their proposed instructional materials bond**

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

**54-03. Recommended Approval of Property Disposal—Edgefield County School District**

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

**54. Other Business—State Board of Education Budget Cut**

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TEACHER  
LICENSURE ISSUES OF DECEMBER 10, 2002**

Chair-Elect Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education during the public hearings and concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Tuesday, December 10, 2002.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2002**

Mrs. Maguire moved for the approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cervantes and approved by the Board.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2003**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Moss moved that Mrs. Brenda Fort be elected as Chair-Elect for 2003. Chair White asked for nominations from the floor. Mrs. Maguire nominated Dr. Mary Jones. Dr. Jones was elected as Chair-Elect for 2003 by written ballot of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lee moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Dickert seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

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